

REMARKS

Minor editorial corrections have been made to the specification. Claims 1 - 7, 10 - 16, and 19 - 25 have been cancelled herein from the application without prejudice. Claims 29 - 30 have been amended. Claims 34 - 50 have been added. No new matter has been introduced with these editorial corrections, amendments, or added claims, which are supported in the specification as originally filed. Claims 8, 17, 26, and 28 - 50 are now in the application.

The amendments to Claims 29 and 30 replace "emulation protocol" with "legacy host communication protocol". The communication protocol referred to in these claims is used between the server and legacy host system, and is therefore the actual legacy host protocol rather than an emulator thereof. This corrects an obvious error, and does not introduce new matter.

I. Allowable Subject Matter

Paragraphs 2 - 3 of the Office Action dated March 24, 2004 (hereinafter, "the Office Action") state that Claims 8, 17, 26, and 28 - 33 are allowed.

II. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Paragraph 5 of the Office Action states that Claims 1 - 7, 10 - 16, and 19 - 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U. S. Patent 6,067,623 to Blakley et al. in view of Thompson, "Safety in Cyberspace: Planning Effective Web-to-Host Access Security". In the interest of rapidly passing the application to issuance, these claims have been cancelled from the application without prejudice, rendering the rejection moot.

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III. Drawing Correction

Paragraph 6 of the Office Action states that the proposed replacement drawing for Fig. 6, transmitted with the response dated January 7, 2004, is not in the file. Accordingly, the proposed replacement is re-submitted herewith, and as discussed above in "Amendments to the Drawings", this replacement removes unused reference numbers.

IV. Added Claims

Added dependent Claims 34 - 38 depend from allowed independent Claim 33, and specify limitations analogous to those in allowed Claims 28 - 32. Added independent Claims 39 and 45 are system and computer program product claims, respectively, containing limitations analogous to those in allowed method Claim 33. Added dependent Claims 40 - 44 and 46 - 50 depend from added independent Claims 39 and 45, respectively, and specify limitations analogous to those in allowed Claims 28 - 32. Thus, it can be seen that no new matter has been introduced with these added claims. Applicants respectfully submit that these added claims are allowable as currently presented, since they incorporate the limitations of already-allowed claims.

V. Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw all presently outstanding rejections, and pass all remaining claims to issuance without delay.

Respectfully submitted,



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